

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election sets a very dangerous media abuse precedent.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Broadcasting a blatantly one-sided program does not serve the public interest in any way. The public should be trusted to make up their own minds using objective, factual information from BOTH sides of the political spectrum.

It appears in the case of Sinclair, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.